

REMARKS

Accordingly, the applicants have defined the user-entered message as comprising both an address and user-entered message data (see, for example, p. 4, lines 1-12 and p. 6, lines 1-3 of the PCT application, as published). Thus, the user-entered message must contain some user-entered data in addition to the address of the addressee.

In Koch, the only user-entered data, as identified by the Examiner, is the address of the called party. Indeed, using VOIP technology it would be counter-intuitive for the use to enter further data over this, as the entire point of VOIP, Voice Over IP, is the transmission of voice data, Voice data is not entered; it is spoken.

The thrust of the invention as presently claimed is to allow the transmission of messages entered by a user, typically text messages in the manner of the popular GSM SMS service, over systems that would not previously have such a feature. Koch contains no teachings to enable such a service. Indeed, Koch is concerned only with the diversion of voice calls. It is not in any way concerned with passing messages where the message data over the addresses of called parties is entered by a user. It therefore cannot be said that it teaches the invention as claimed above.

Accordingly, claims 16 and 23, and the remaining claims as dependent therefrom, are both novel and inventive.

Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to February 6, 2007. A check in the amount of \$450.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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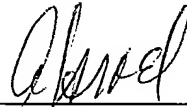
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